GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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CONSERVATION OF MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted any high-level advisory board or standing committee for the restoration, conservation and good maintenance of protected monuments in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the composition of the committee and the State-wise representation;

(c) the details of the expenditure incurred for the conservation and maintenance of protected monuments in the country during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(d) whether the Government have invited various institutions poineering in conservation of monuments for counselling and providing technical expertise to carry out the task of maintaining the monuments in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. However, the Government have constituted Central Advisory Board of Archaeology (CABA) which is reconstituted every four years for the purpose of close interaction of the Archaeological Survey of India with the representatives of all the State /Union Territory Govts, Indian universities and learned societies in thefield of archaeological research and training in addition to two Members of Lok Sabha and one from Rajya Sabha.The CABA also forms a Standing Committee by electing five members from amongst themselves.

(c) The details are given in Annexure.

(d) & (e) Over the years, the Archaeological Survey of India has invited/engaged for monument - related specific scientific investigation various specialized institutions such as the Geological Survey of India, Nagpur; the Central Water Power Research Station, Pune; the Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee; the Regional Engineering College, Warangal; the Nationa Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad; the Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad, etc.